

REMARKS

Claims 1-15 are pending this application. In this Amendment, claims 4-6 have been amended to be dependent on claim 1 or 2. Care has been exercised to avoid the introduction of new matter.

Election/Restrictions

Noting the Office Action of July 5, 2007, wherein restriction has been required, Applicant hereby elects Group II (claims 7-15) for prosecution in the above-identified application.

Applicant acknowledges, with appreciation, Examiner Nguyen's courtesy and professionalism in conducting a telephone interview on July 19, 2007, during which why claims 4-6, 8, and 11-15 were not included in the following two groups was discussed: "Group I, claim(s) 1-3, drawn to a process for dispersing plant seeds," and "Group II, claim(s) 7, 9, and 10, drawn to an apparatus for dispersing plant seeds." Examiner Nguyen's original position was that claims 4-6, 8, and 11-15 were in improper multiple dependent claim format. It is, however, Applicant's understanding that Examiner Nguyen agreed that claims 8 and 11-15 are proper and belong to Group II. Accordingly, Group II elected by Applicant includes claims 7-15.

Conclusion

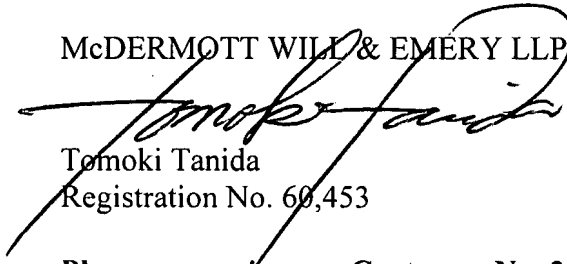
Applicant respectfully solicits favorable consideration of the claims. If there are any issues regarding the multiple dependent claims discussed in the July 19, 2007 interview, the Examiner is requested to call Applicant's attorney at the telephone number shown below.

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To the extent necessary, a petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 is hereby made. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account 500417 and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

Respectfully submitted,

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